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## Poetry.

HEALING FOR THE SICK.

With thy large aims and petty strivings,  
that greater purpose but ill hath sped—  
pitious swivings, and thy small drivings,  
thy feast at which the spirit is not fed—  
than no sleep that lays a kind cool palm—  
making brows, and bids the brest be calm,  
till death's shadow crosses our repose,  
sighs good nights at the faint eyes close—  
our fair chamber with bright glimpse of skies,  
a hearing of the sweet rejoicing leaves,  
tender lights from those green boughs—  
which the quaint ivy over the window weaves;  
where four walls look grimly on the streets,  
youths where a parading sunshine boats,  
and swans beneath the never lifting haze—  
creeps along the city's dusky ways—

ENJOY comes, a twilight in his face!  
He is an angel wrapt about with cloud?  
Are those veiled features touched with heavenly  
grace?

De is some demon in a dead man's shroud?  
that dream world of languor where he lies,  
the sick man knows not, for his sense is dim;  
only feels those eyes are watching him.

Look up! thy tasks are over, and the fires  
of Susan smoulder in the cloudy west;

the tumult of the sultry day expires;

Care's ragged wings are folded to their rest.

Come to lead them from this land of dreams,

the circle of this pale sun's watery beams,

bolder, fuller light than thou has known,  
to the steps of the eternal Throne.

Cross thy threshold—not as comes the thief;

I give thee what thy penury has lacked;

we thy noblest will the craved relief,

to aspire and energy to act.

It, slender, not, nor fear some phantom's grasp;

few friendly hands a brimming chalice clasp;

in, a golden cup, bring them wine!

used from immortal grape—a draught divine!

## THE HARP.

Let not the harp neglected lie,  
Awake the silent strings,  
And spirits from its depths will fly,

With music in their wings.

There's not a thought the heart can own,

But finds a sister here;

For joy there breathes a kinder tone—

There's music for the tear.

And there are voices loved of old,

Which slumber in its cells.

Where richer far than pearl or gold,

The soul of music dwells.

Oh! lightly touch the silent chords,

Awake some early strain,

And odds sing, with glowing words,

Will breathe for us again.

Here freedom wakes her mountain songs,

Her victory retains,

And midst the sounding wreath prolongs

Her war cry on the plains;

Here pity tells her tale of grief,

Joy here delighted sings—

The cypress and the myrtle leaf

Are twined among the strings.

Begin, my harp, a nobler theme,

Sing not for earth alone,

To God who lives and rules supreme,

Awake thy sweetest tone;

Let all thy sounds with song divine,

Before his altars flow,

And let, O Lord! that music thine,

Which thou has left below.

Thus will thy joyful notes ascend,

Like melodies above,

Where harp and voice forever blend,

With music and with love.

And every tone of thine will be

With sacred thought allied,

As if some heart had given to thee,

Its feelings are it died.

## WHEN I SAW SWEET NELLIE HOME.

In the sky the bright stars glittered,

On the grass the moonlight shone,

Rushed the sound of daylight's hustle,

Closed the pink-eyed pimpernel—

As down the moss-grown wood path—

Where the cattle love to roam—

From Aunt Patti's quilting party—

I was seeing Nellie home.

Jelly ringlets softly flutter

O'er a brow as white as snow,

And her cheek—I—the crimson sunsets

Scarlet had a warmer glow;

'Mid her parted lips vermilion,

White teeth flashed like ocean foam;

All I marked, with pulses thrashing,

While I saw sweet Nellie home.

When the autumn dinged the greenwood,

Turning all its leaves to gold;

In the lawn by side's shade

I my love to Nellie told;

As we stood together gazing

On the star-bespangled dome,

How I blest the August evening;

When I saw sweet Nellie home.

White hairs mingle with her tresses,

Furrows stand upon my brow;

But a love-sick cheer and bloom

Life's declining moments now;

Nature is thy snowy kerchief,

Closer to me than bosom still,

Tell me, do thou still come,

When I saw sweet Nellie home?

Strawberry beds can be prepared and

planted early this month.

## Agriculture.

## Miscellaneous.

### Thrilling Adventure with a Robber.

SEED CORN should be selected this month. Many a farmer has lost ten, fifteen, twenty bushels of corn for lack of this precaution. We have had great complaint of the failure of corn to come up with the first planting. This, in most instances, was owing to taking corn from the bin to plant; corn imperfectly ripened, or that was put up last fall before the cob was sufficiently dry. Those who selected their corn, and hung it up by the husk to cure, had sound seed that came up well. Select those ears that grow two or three upon a stalk. They may be indicated by driving a stake by the hills, or by tying a strap or string of husk around the ear. As soon as the husk cleaves from the ear, break them off, tie them in bunches, and hang them in a dry place, where they will cure perfectly, and be ready for use next spring. This selection of seeds is a matter of great importance. It not only secures a perfect seed, but one more prolific. The yield will be larger, and the farmer who follows this course will find his crops constantly improving.

SAVE YOUR WIND-FALLS.—Some farmers leave these to rot upon the ground under the apple trees. But there is the same reason for removing them, that there is for clearing the garden and fields of weeds. Most of these apples are full of worms or the eggs of insects. It is from this cause that they have fallen prematurely. If suffered to lie upon the ground, the seed of a wonderful worm harvest will mature, and you will have work for another season.

If you would have fair fruit, you must take care of these worm nurseries and crush them in the mud. If the pigs run in the orchard, they will probably keep the ground clear, and get some part of their living.

If you have no this convenience, let them be picked up and given to cows and swine.

CARROTS also should have constant cultivation until the tops shade the soil and prevent the growth of weeds. Success in root culture depends very much upon subduing weeds. Not one should be left to go to seed. The eradication of weeds in old ground that has long been subject to slovenly husbandry is the most expensive part of growing roots. It costs so much to get a field into right shape for this crop, that we have thought it was better economy to keep it in roots for a succession of years, rather than to seed it down. We believe carrots can be grown with manure enough, to secure a thousand bushel to the acre, more economically than with any less quantity of manure, and a smaller yield.

TURNIPS.—Those which are cultivated in drills should have thorough tillage through this month. Stir the soil often, and keep it free from weeds. This month and the next make the turnip crop.

It is not yet too late to sow the Red Strap Leaf variety. They will grow until they freeze into the soil. Sow them in any vacant spots in the garden, or where early potatoes have been taken from the field. Should the fall be wet, you will have a large return for your labor. If they fail to make bulbs large enough for use, they will make a good green crop to plough in.

HARVEST CORN.—If you are short of fodder, and wish to make the most of your corn, cut the stalks when the spindle and a little of the stem beneath it is dry. If cured, and bound in small bundles, it makes a fodder equal to the best hay. The grain is undoubtedly diminished by this process, but what is lost in grain, is made up in the increased value of the stalks. If grain is more of an object with you, cut up by the roots as soon as there is danger of a killing frost. This will give the maximum quantity of grain.

FATTENING ANIMALS.—Do not put off this business until November. Any animal will lay on fat and flesh much faster now than in cold weather. They should be kept full fed, and should have a variety of food.

Pigs should have all the green corn they can eat. We have found the large sweet corn, cut up by the roots, a very profitable diet for them. They will eat leaves, stalk and ear, as clean as a cow.

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New York, Sept. 11.—From *Havana*.  
The Empire City brings Havana dates of the 6th inst. The Havana papers give detailed reports of the ravages of the late hurricane, which, in certain parts of the island, especially at Sagua la Grande, caused great destruction of property, sheet, and ashore.

The gale commenced on the 27th, reached its height on the 28th, and moderated the 29th.

At Sagua six American and one English vessel went ashore. Crews saved. The vessels were a total loss. Among them is the brig John Hathaway, Smith, of (Newport) with 300 barrels of sugar on board.

The light house at Cardenas was swept away, and at Matanzas and Sagua much damage was done to the crops.

The yellow fever is reported to be on the decline, and no new cases have occurred since the hurricane.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—*California Mailer*.—It has been ascertained from reliable sources that no instructions were recently sent to California substantially different from those previously transmitted. Those instructions advised Commodore Morwin, or the senior officer of the station, that the laws of the United States must be enforced, and public property protected from violence. He is required to have two or more national vessels at San Francisco until the insurrectionary movements are over. Instructions of similar purport were sent to Gen. Wool.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The report of the Health Office of the port shows that 18 cases of yellow fever had been admitted to the Marine Hospital at Quarantine between August 25 and September 9. The total number of cases admitted the season has been 146; number of deaths is not stated.

The ship Ocean Monarch, the largest sailing vessel ever built in this or any other country, will be launched from the yard of Wm. H. Webb, on the East river, New York, next week. She is owned by Wm. T. Frost, of New York, and is to run in the Liverpool trade. Her length on deck is 240 feet, extreme breadth 40 feet, and depth of hold 30 feet, with flat floor and sharp ends, having a capacity of equal to from 7,000 to 7,300 hds. of cotton.

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THOMAS B. PEABODY.

late of Newport deceased, presents her final account on said estate.

At the time of his death, he was

and died in October, 1853, aged 70 years.

He left a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Peabody, aged 60 years, and a son, George Peabody, aged 23 years.

He also left a daughter, Mrs. Maria Peabody, aged 18 years.

He left a son, George Peabody, aged 16 years.

He also left a daughter, Mrs. Maria Peabody, aged 14 years.

He also left a son, George Peabody, aged 12 years.

He also left a daughter, Mrs. Maria Peabody, aged 10 years.

He also left a son, George Peabody, aged 8 years.

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